

### REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by January 16, 2003.

Claims 14-26 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the drawings and specification were objected to for various informalities. The numbering of the claims was objected to, and misnumbered claims 1-13 were renumbered by the Examiner as claims 14-26, respectively. Claims 14-17, 20, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,216,306 to Nakazawa et al. Claims 18, 19, and 21-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakazawa et al.

Turning first to the objection to the drawings, Fig. 2 has been amended to add reference numeral 31.

The specification has been amended to add appropriate headings and to more clearly define the invention in the abstract of the disclosure.

Looking now at the substantive rejection of the claims, the Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly distinguish the present invention over the Nakazawa reference. Specifically, claim 14 was amended to define the magnet mount as comprising a cylindrical carrier element (5) with a center line (21) and at least one restraining element (14), characterized in that the restraining element (14) is outwardly formed as a single piece with the carrier element (5),

wherein the at least one magnet (8) is disposed outwardly on radially inward displaced peripheral surfaces in the carrier element (5), wherein the restraining element (14) form-lockingly engages in notches (16) in the at least one magnet (8).

Claim 18 was amended to provide that the restraining element of claim 14 lies in a direction of the middle line (21) of the carrier element (5), and wherein said restraining element grips in at least one notch (16) in the magnet (8), wherein said at least one notch (16) is disposed in edges of the at least one magnet running in the direction of the middle line (21) of the carrier element (5).

Claims 16 and 24 were amended to depend from claim 14.

Claims 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 25 were canceled without prejudice.


The amended claims 14, 16, 18, 24 and method claim 26 correspond with the claims allowed in the priority application to the present application, which has issued as DE 100 09 151 C2.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14, 16, 18, 24, and 26, as amended, define a patentably distinct combination of features neither shown nor suggested by the Nakazawa reference. The Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 and reconsideration of the application as herein amended.

In light of the foregoing arguments in support of patentability, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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